

## VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 18, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 P.M., with the Pledge of Allegiance, at 325 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Mayor Brendan G. Coyne  
Deputy Mayor Mark J. Edsall  
Trustee James P. Kane  
Trustee Peter Russell

Also present were: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Water Superintendent Robert June, Police Chief Steven Dixon, Storm King Engine Co. #2 Asst. Fire Chief Robby Vought, Attorney for the Village Joseph McKay, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney.

Mayor Coyne announced that there is a binder on the back table for anyone interested in looking at minutes, correspondence, and resolutions that will be discussed this evening.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC HEARING** - INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW I-5 of 2012 entitled "A Local Law to Amend the Zoning Code of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson at Article XIV, Chapter 172, Entitled "Scenic Resource Protection" Proof of Notice, Affidavit of Posting and Publication having been furnished, and copies of the text having been given to each Board Member on June 13, 2012, the Public Hearing on a Local Law to Amend the Zoning Code of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson at Article XIV, Chapter 172, Entitled "Scenic Resource Protection" was called to order at 7:01 PM on a motion by Trustee Kane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Attorney for the Village McKay provided an overview of the proposed changes to the "Scenic Resource Protection Law". He reported that this action is being sought in order to correct existing misinterpretations or misapplications of the law as well as to clarify to the Town Assessor, the Building Inspector and others charged with enforcement of this law so they can inform the public and take proper action when it is required.

Joe McDonald of Braden Place read a prepared statement in which he indicates that the redrafting of this law is based upon an incorrect premise. The view preservation law should be made stronger, not "diluted", in order to protect both public and private views. He notes several contradictions within the existing law and the proposed changes.

David Fitzgerald of Taft Place stated that the Village owns property along the riverfront along with the railroad and Palisades Park Commission. Tree growth on these properties is impeding public views. If the Board is planning on enforcing the law, then the Village must cut this overgrowth to open up these views.

Michael Hamburger of River Avenue stated that the law needs to better distinguish the difference between public and private views. He does not feel that it can happen with a “single change of wordage in this amendment”.

Hearing no one further speak for or against the introductory local law, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to close the public comment portion of the hearing, but continue to accept written comments from the public or any agency for 30 days, at 7:20 pm which was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried by a vote of 4Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne reported that written comments have been received from Peter Neuman.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION**

Police Chief Dixon reported that last month, Police Officer Terwilliger responded to a medical call to assist an elderly male who was “down” and not responding. Officer Terwilliger immediately started CPR compressions and after a short period, the elderly man became responsive and was transported by ambulance to Cornwall Hospital.

Chief Dixon presented Officer Terwilliger with a Life Saving Citation Bar and Certificate of Merit for his quick, assertive, and alert response.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carol O’Keefe of 2 Payson Road requested that the welcome sign on Hudson Street near the Town and Village line be maintained. In addition she requested that repairs be made to the kiosk in front of the Village Bandstand.

Todd Retchless of Idlewild Avenue presented the Board with a signed petition regarding ongoing noise issues, littering and disorderly conduct of some patrons at the Trestle Restaurant. They are asking that the Village strictly enforce the noise ordinance and consider an “enhanced and active police presence” to curtail drunk and disorderly behavior.

## **MINUTES**

Trustee Kane moved to table acceptance of the April 16, 2012, April 30, 2012, and May 21, 2012 Minutes which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Coyne is in receipt of the following correspondence:

- Letter from Roland Larkin of Payson Road commending the Village Police Department for enforcing motorists to stop at the Payson Road/Boulevard intersection.

## TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Mahoney reported that the revenue and expenditure reports for the month of May are not available for tonight’s meeting. They will be distributed to the Board shortly.

Warrant #6 – Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to approve the June 2012- Warrant (#6) and authorize payments totaling \$478,306.41 which was seconded by Trustee Russell and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

The open utility balances report for the end of May read as follows:

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties	\$ 88,019.00
Town water & penalties	559,513.56

which included 2 final/adjustments for the Village and 8 for the Town.

## BOARD DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department Trustee Russell reported 13 building permits were issued, 12 certificates of compliance/occupancy were issued, 20 onsite inspections performed, 5 violation notices were issued, 1 stop work issue was issued, and 3 fire inspections were conducted. Inspector Maldonado worked 40 hours and Inspector Maggio worked 40 hours in April.

Fire Department – Deputy Mayor Edsall reported 3 automatic alarms, 8 medical calls, 3 public service calls, 1 car fire, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 33 drills (7 in firehouse and 26 outside of firehouse), and 9 work details for a total of 59 events and 737 man hours.

He further reported that four (4) probationary firefighters are currently enrolled in Firefighter I at the County Training Center and should complete the course by mid-July. In addition the Apparatus Committee continues to research possibilities to replace the 1973 Tower Ladder Truck and the Firematic SOP is under review.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to appoint Robby Vought Fire Chief and Tom Lyons as Assistant Fire Chief of Storm King Engine Co. #2 through December 31, 2012 which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Fire Chief Vought reported that the Hudson River Emergency Training Exercise at Donahue Memorial Park will take place on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-12:00pm. Several fire and emergency departments within Orange County will participate.

Police Department Trustee Kane reported 2 criminal mischief, 5 arrests, 4 traffic accidents, 15 traffic tickets issued, 29 warnings issued, 4 fire response calls, 1 domestic incident, 4 alarm response calls, 9 animal complaints, 5 noise complaints, 5 suspicious vehicle calls, 2 suspicious person(s) calls, 6 assists to the Town of Cornwall Police Department, 6 EMS assist calls, and 3 assists to other agencies.

He also reported that Police Officers Peña and Antinori attended “Drug Recognition, Understanding, Manufacturing” Training which was held at the Orange County Fire Training Center, Goshen, NY. All

Officers attended Firearms Training where they “re-qualified” with their department-issued firearms. Officers continued working with Orange County “Stop DWI” patrols. In addition a grant application was submitted for Police Officer Bullet Proof Vests purchase through the Bureau of Justice.

Department of Public Works – Trustee Russell reported weekly meetings with FEMA representative/preparing project worksheets for the Village continue, maintenance of Village vehicles and equipment, sweeping of streets, weekly yard waste collection, roadside mowing, blacktop patching, repair of sewer backup on Wood Avenue, completion of repairs to guide rail at Donahue Memorial Park, Dock Hill Road washout has been repaired, preparation for Memorial Day, and prepared Donahue Memorial Park for Riverfest.

He also reported that on May 29<sup>th</sup>, a temporary certificate of occupancy was issued for the DPW facility. The department has started the process of cleaning up and moving operations back into the building.

Deputy Mayor Edsall reported that he recently met with a FEMA representative who had positive comments about DPW Superintendent Halvorsen and his handling of the post-storm application process.

*DPW Facility Renovations/Phase 2 & 3* - DPW Superintendent Halvorsen recently met with David Wieboldt to go over details and expects to have information on a sprinkler system and the remaining code renovations to the Board soon. Discussion followed.

Mayor Coyne reported that he spoke with Mr. William Jackson, bond counsel to let him know that the Board is anticipating the need to bond this phase of the project.

Deputy Mayor Edsall stated that he wants to move forward on these phases so the department can permanently move back into the facility before cold weather returns.

*Willis and Weeks Avenue* – Mayor Coyne reported that recent storms caused “havoc” in this area. Maser Engineering recently did a site visit and will do surveying and mapping of the system this week.

Water Department – Deputy Mayor Edsall reported an average daily production of 1.030 million gallons with all bacteria samples passing N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected (a total of 61). A total of 45 utility mark-outs were done, 32 meters were repaired or replaced, 9 final meter readings were taken, and water meter reading was completed. A water leak was repaired on Maple Street and flushing of the mountain and village systems was completed. In addition, weekly maintenance was performed on flow controls to Black Rock Plant, maintenance of pressure reducing valves within the system was started, all pressure gauges were replaced, water leak detection is ongoing, buildings and grounds maintenance/cleanup is ongoing, brush cutting off the dams has started, and bulk sodium hypochlorite tanks were removed from the Catskill Treatment Plant and are being stored at Maple Avenue.

He also reported that Water Superintendent June has tentatively scheduled a demonstration of “Code Red”- an emergency notification system on June 21<sup>st</sup>. In addition, Mr. June attended the New York Rural Water Association 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Technical Conference & Exhibition. At the work session Water Superintendent June reported on the proposed survey of riverfront and museum properties.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

## STORM KING SCHOOL: ROWING CLUB

Mayor Coyne reported that representatives from Storm King School have proposed to develop a rowing club. The Board will look into scheduling usage of the Riverfront along with the other businesses there.

## HUDSON HIGHLANDS NATURE MUSEUM LEASE

Mayor Coyne reported that the 25 year lease between the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson and the Museum expires this month. He would like to continue the lease under a “month-to-month” basis while the Village Board looks into all factors involved. This item was tabled for additional discussion in Executive Session later this evening.

## FYI

### HAMLET GROVE RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION: PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Coyne announced that a public hearing will take place on June 19<sup>th</sup>. He then tabled this item for further discussion in Executive Session later this evening.

### CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON ELEMENTARY MOVING UP CEREMONY

Mayor Coyne announced that the Cornwall-on-Hudson Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving up Ceremony will take place on June 21<sup>st</sup> in the Village Bandstand.

### SUMMER PLAYGROUND

Mayor Coyne announced that the Summer Playground Program will begin on Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> and will run Monday through Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM until Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Cornwall-on-Hudson Elementary School. Registration will take place next week. Mr. Coyne is happy to report that Scott Valens will return as the program director.

### HIKE & BIKE

Mayor Coyne spoke with local restaurants and they are in favor of the Hike and Bike continuing this year.

Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion authorizing Mayor Coyne to send an endorsement letter to the Town of Highlands in support of the Hike & Bike as well as request that a certificate of liability insurance be issued listing the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson as additionally insured. In addition ask that organizers consider amending the hours to 9:00am – 1:00pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

### MID HUDSON ST. PATRICK’S PARADE

Mayor Coyne reported that he and Town of Cornwall Supervisor Quigley have submitted a joint proposal to bring the February 10, 2013 Mid-Hudson St. Patrick’s Parade here.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carol O'Keefe of 2 Payson Road requested status of the appointment of a new Village Trustee.

Mayor Coyne replied that he has interviewed several candidates and hopes to make the appointment soon.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Kane congratulated the Cornwall Central High School Boy's Baseball team on their State Championship win.

Deputy Mayor Edsall also offered his congratulations to the team.

Having concluded the business set before them, Mayor Coyne moved to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session at 7:55 PM in order to discuss a lease agreement with the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum, Hamlet Grove Developers Agreement negotiations, and a personnel issue in the Village Clerk's Office. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.